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1. SUMMARY: PERU HAS LITTLE INTEREST IN 1977 ITU WORLD
ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE FOR SATELLITE BROADCASTING
IN 12 GHZ BAND AND DOES NOT INTEND TO PARTICIPATE. PLANNING
IN PERU FOR ITU WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE OF
1979 WILL BEGIN THIS YEAR. GOP OFFICIALS URGE THAT CITEL
BE USED AS FORUM FOR COORDINATING POSITIONS FOR WESTERN
HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. JACOBS HAS MET WITH FOLLOWING GOP TELECOMMUNICATION
OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PERU'S PARTICIPATION IN ITU WORLD
ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC) PLANNED FOR 1977
AND 1979:

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A. GENERAL JUAN ERNESTO BARREDA, APOLITICAL CARRER
MILITARY OFFICER. A FULLY COMPETENT AND CAPABLE
ENGINEER, BARREDA WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED AS CHIARMAN OF PERU'S
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, AND IS ALSO A DIRECTOR OF
EMPRESA NACIONAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES (ENTEL).
HE PREVIOUSLY HELD HIGH POSTS IN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS AND
AT JICAMARCA GEOPHYSICAL STATION. HE IS ONE OF THE ORIGINATORS

OF CITEL AND REPRESENTED PERU AT 1965 ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. AN ADMIRER OF THE U.S., BARREDA IS EXPECTED TO PLAY A MAJOR DECISION-MAKING ROLE IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS, REGARDLESS OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN PERU.

B. CARLOS ROMERO, PREVIOUS DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUT FOR PAST TWO YEARS ITU REGIONAL EXPERT FOR LATIN AMERICA, AND SOON TO BE APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACION Y CAPACITACION DE TELECOMUNICACIONES (INICTEL), WHICH WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING FOR WARC-1979; C. PERCY FERNANDEZ, PRESENT DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

3. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS:

A. WARC-1977 12 GHZ SATELLITE BROADCASTING CONFERENCE - PERU HAS NO OPERATIONAL INTERESTS IN THIS CONFERENCE AND DOES NOT PLAN TO PARTICIPATE, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY ASK THEIR CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA TO "LOOK-IN." PERU DOES NOT INTEND TO USE THE 12 GHZ BAND FOR EITHER TERRESTRIAL OR SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND GOP OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT RESEARCH CONDUCTED HERE INDICATES THAT 12 GHZ SIGNALS WILL BE BADLY ATTENUATED IN JUNGLE AREAS DURING PERIODS OF HEAVY RAINFALL. VIEWS CONCERNING "A PRIORI" VS. EVOLUTIONARY PLANNING OF ONLY ACADEMIC INTEREST HERE AND GOP DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE A POSITION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. GOP HAS PLANS TO EVENTUALLY LINK REMOTE CITIES OF COUNTRY VIA SATELLITE, BUT THEY INTEND TO DO THIS THROUGH INTELSAT, IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH THEY PARTICIPATE.

B. WARC-1979 - PERU HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO PLAN FOR THIS CONFERENCE. ROMERO, WHEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF INICTEL, PLANS TO SET UP SPECIAL GROUP TO PLAN FOR CONFERENCE. GOP OFFICIALS URGE THAT CITEL BE USED AS FORUM FOR COORDINATING POSITIONS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES FOR THIS CONFERENCE. ROMERO STRONG SUPPORTER OF CITEL AND HE USED THESE DISCUSSIONS TO CRITICIZE WHAT HE TERMED "U.S. LACK OF INTEREST IN CITEL, WCEPT WHEN U.S. HAS A PROBLEM." HE SPECIFICALLY CITED RECENT MEETING CONCERNING WARC-1977, IN WHICH U.S. USED CITEL IN EFFORT TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR ITS PROPOSALS. BUT ON OTHER HAND HE CLAIMS THAT THERE ABSOLUTELY IS NO U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CITEL TECHNICAL GROUPS 2 AND 4 WHICH DEAL WITH BROADCASTING AND ELECTROMAGNETIC AND SPECTRUM PROBLEMS, AND IN WHICH U.S. COULD MAKE MEANINGFUL TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTIONS. HE ALSO CITED HIS CONCERN THAT U.S. HAS NOT CONTRIBUTED FINANCIALLY TOWARDS NOR SUPPLIED TECHNICAL DATA FOR AN ITU/UNDP/CITEL PROJECT

DEALING WITH GROUNDWAVE PROPAGATION AT MEDIUMWAVE FREQUENCIES, AND INVOLVING GROUND CONDUCTIVITY MEASUREMENTS AND DETERMINATIONS FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AREA. REFERRED TO AS PROJECT RLA-74/028(MW), ACCORDING TO ROMERO IT IS GRINDING TO A HALT BEFORE COMPLETION BECAUSE FUNDS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. HE CLAIMS U.S. MISSED A CHANCE FOR LEADERSHIP ROLE IN CITEL BY NOT CONTRIBUTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR PROJECT TO CONTINUE AND BY NOT PROVIDING TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP AND A WEALTH OF AVAILABLE TECHNICAL DATA. IN ROMERO'S WORDS, "IF U.S. HOPES TO GAIN SUPPORT OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, IT MUST TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN CITEL FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, NOT JUST FOR ITS OWN INTERESTS.

C. ACCORDING TO GOP OFFICIALS, WITH A SATELLITE EARTH STATION AND A NATIONAL MICROWAVE SYSTEM WHICH EXTENDS INTO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, PERU'S RELIANCE ON POINT-TO-POINT HIGH FREQUENCIES HAS DIMINISHED SOMEWHAT, BUT MILITARY AND MARITIME REQUIREMENTS STILL REMAIN. PERU HAS NO PLANS FOR INCREASED BROADCASTING IN THE HIGH FREQUENCY BANDS AND OFFICIALS WERE AMBIVALENT ABOUT EXPANDING THESE BANDS. ROMERO, WHO IS AN ACTIVE RADIO AMATEUR, STATED THAT PERU WOULD PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH A SMALL EXPANSION OF THE H.F. AMATEUR BANDS, AT LEAST TO RESOLVE THE PRESENT UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION AT 7 MHZ. COPY OF FCC THIRD NOTICE OF INQUIRY FOR WARC-1979 DISCUSSED WITH OFFICIALS, AND COPY LEFT WITH ROMERO. ROMERO IS A COMPETENT AND CAPABLE ENGINEER WHO WILL VERY LIKELY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PLANNING FOR THE 1979 CONFERENCE, DESPITE ANY CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION HERE. DEAN

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